

**COMPANY BACKGROUND**

Founded in 1957, Columbia Forest Products is North America’s largest manufacturer of hardwood plywood and hardwood veneer products. Columbia’s decorative interior veneers and panels are used in cabinetry, fine furniture, architectural millwork and commercial fixtures. Employee-owned and headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina, Columbia has over 2,000 employees and operates plants throughout the United States and Canada, with an operational network that spans the globe.

Columbia’s products are sold through a network of wholesale distributors, mass merchandisers and original equipment manufacturers through three distinct business units: Plywood, Veneer and International.

**HARDWOOD PLYWOOD** Columbia markets a full line of plywood species, core type and panel size options. Decorative veneer species range from Alder to Zebrawood.

Newer proprietary products from Columbia include *PureBond*<sup>®</sup> Formaldehyde-Free Hardwood Plywood; *Europly*<sup>™</sup> — multi-layer premium veneer core plywood; *Appalachian Traditions*<sup>™</sup> — premium plank look hardwood plywood; *CustomColors*<sup>™</sup> — pre-applied custom stained panels; *UV Wood*<sup>™</sup> — clear, no VOC pre-finished plywood panels; *Beaded Panels*<sup>™</sup> — tongue and groove look plywood; *FirstStep*<sup>™</sup> — pre-primed plywood panels; *CFP60”s*<sup>™</sup> — 60” wide plywood panels and *Certified Wood*<sup>™</sup> — FSC-Certified hardwood panels.

In 1999, Columbia’s Klamath Falls, Oregon, plant began producing its plywood using logs harvested from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified

forestland. Today, Columbia facilities in Presque Isle, ME (veneer); Chatham, VA; Hearst, ON; St. Casimir, PQ; Old Fort, NC; and Trumann, AR; produce certified products as well. SmartWood, a not-for-profit subsidiary of the Rain Forest Alliance, certifies Columbia Forest Products to FSC requirements.

**HARDWOOD VENEER** Columbia veneer is created using Northern Appalachian hardwoods such as birch, red oak, maple, ash, poplar, cherry, hickory, pine, walnut and others. Columbia’s rotary cut veneer ranges in thickness from 1/30 to 1/42 inches and is supplied throughout the decorative plywood, furniture, cabinetry, door and profile-wrap industries.

**IMPORTS** To complement Columbia’s domestic production, the company’s international division began importing hardwood plywood in 1995. Since then, Columbia has grown to become the largest importer of Russian birch plywood in North America. With a wide selection of imported panel products from Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Africa and countries throughout South America and Europe, inventories are maintained regionally at strategic North American ports and Columbia plant sites.



Columbia’s FSC certification ensures responsible use of forest resources.

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